Subject: Chat with Mirna Hariz
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Mirna: jesus what is wrong with these conservatives?
Mirna: ok the cartoonist who wants to sue you
Mirna: is that the same one that did the cartoon for mccain?
Mirna: when you put it up was his signature still on it?
me: yep
Mirna: was there any way around it to have known that it was a parody?
me: did you see it?
Mirna: or was it so ridiculous that its obvious it was a parody?
Mirna: no it wasnt with the article
me: yeah, half the article was about how it's a parody
me: it is now
me: I added it in a couple of hours ago
Mirna: lnk?
Mirna: link?
me: one sec
me: http://trueslant.com/barrettbrown/2009/10/24/in-which-i-try-my-hand-at-cartooning-and-piss-off-this-fellow/#comment-99
me: scroll up a bit
Mirna: hahahahahaha
Mirna: awesome
Mirna: thats funny
me: yeah, this one got me a lot of publicity
me: made a bunch new leftist blogger allies
me: and whatnot
me: so
me: I'll give you the guy's e-mail address
Mirna: no fuck him
me: I already said you'd e-mail him
Mirna: if he actually tries to sue you
Mirna: he will contact you
Mirna: and you will respond with my information
Mirna: and he will have to talk to me
Mirna: but we make him do all the work
me: just send him a quick note telling him you're my lawyer
me: I'll even write it for you
Mirna: its not a crime to say he'll get a letter then not get one
Mirna: i think its always better to make other people do things

me: no, but I can't be seen as bluffing
me: I know, just this once
Mirna: they are less likely to engage if they are putting forth all the effort
me: please please please
Mirna: i think its bad strategy
Mirna: y?
me: first of all
Mirna: i'm telling you its not going to help you
Mirna: to engage him in anything
me: no, no
me: listen
Mirna: ps its my birthday <3
me: engaging him has helped me tremendously
me: holy shit happy birthday
Mirna: <3
me: what are you doing?
me: tuv tuv tuv
Mirna: tuv tuv
Mirna: i know, but let him email you
me: but listen
Mirna: you can put up the email
Mirna: on the interweb
me: what I'm doing here
me: is finesse stuff
me: I'm using this guy as fuel
Mirna: no i know
Mirna: but see
Mirna: if i send him something
Mirna: itll just be like
Mirna: oh i'm barretts lawyer
Mirna: but i dont want to admit you've done anything wrong
Mirna: or that his assertions have any standing
Mirna: i want to pretend like they are out of left field
Mirna: and make him push everything
Mirna: its better legal strategy
Mirna: and it will upset him making his emails more flagrant and interweb popular
Mirna: if i email him
Mirna: its like
Mirna: we're taking it seriously
Mirna: like we know you did something wrong
me: I know
Mirna: and we're trying to fix it

me: I understand pros and cons
Mirna: i dont want to put us in that position
me: the thing is
me: to the extent that he keeps talking about this
me: it keeps the McCain racism thing alive and spreading
me: and me with it
me: I've been studying these particular folks for a while and I've figured all the angles
me: I've got an idea of how he'll react to things
Mirna: i know but listen
Mirna: i have to get my car
Mirna: left it downtown
me: very well
Mirna: and my ride is leaving right now
Mirna: but you call me
Mirna: and well discuss
me: will do
Mirna: i've never lost a case yet
me: okay-dokey
Mirna: dont want to start now
me: tuv tuv tuv
Mirna: so i'm reluctant to put us in a bad legal position
Mirna: <3
me: okay, we'll discuss tomorrow or whenever
me: should I call you tonight or tomorrow?
Mirna: ok back
Mirna: actually leaving in 30
me: so
me: here's the deal
me: you know as well as I that this is fair use
me: and parody
me: that's two things
me: not only is it parody/satire
me: but, unlike most satire, it's actually explained thoroughly - and had been explained thoroughly and for a whole day before I even made it available to the public
me: now
me: obviously he's not going to sue
me: although I wish he would
Mirna: he might
Mirna: and i'll have to work for you
Mirna: just cause he's a dick
Mirna: but let's not open the door
Mirna: lets make him light the fire

Mirna: or at least wait
me: okay
Mirna: till i have a new york office address to give him
me: how about this
me: I'll post another comment replying to him and say, "nevermind, my lawyer says you're a nut."
me: I'm assuming no, huh?
Mirna: not the smartest idea
Mirna: listen
Mirna: if he wants to fight
Mirna: he'll fight
Mirna: if not
Mirna: continue making fun of him
Mirna: till he fights
me: well, I actually wasn't going to make fun of him anymore
Mirna: i just dont think we should compromise our legal position here
me: this is about McCain, mostly
Mirna: smart :)
Mirna: just leave it
me: okay
me: now
Mirna: if you really really want me to send him a letter
me: if he asks
Mirna: if he sends YOU anything
Mirna: respond with
Mirna: my attorney: Mirna Hariz
me: can I give him your e-mail address?
Mirna: MirnaHariz@gmail.com
Mirna: 512.947.5712
me: very well
Mirna: my ny number will sound better
Mirna: but whatevs
Mirna: are you mad?
me: huh? no, you're my lawyer
me: you're lawyering
Mirna: <3
me: was talking to my ED gang on irc
Mirna: i have no response to that
me: Encylopedia Dramatica
Mirna: ok
Mirna: what is that
me: oh, man

me: wait, I've shown you before
Mirna: oh ya
Mirna: you have
me: the people who run it
me: are A+++++ trolls
me: and worship me now because I'm an old-school ED editor who made good
me: we are making plans
me: to finish off Jeff Goldstein at some point in the future
Mirna: for world domination?
Mirna: hahah sweet
me: seriously, I fucking won out today
me: got a lot of messages from noted bloggers, journalists
me: http://instaputz.blogspot.com/2009/10/ts-out.html
Mirna: nice
Mirna: !
me: hmmm, he might contact you